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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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**RE:** *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51, High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Recently, I learned from FreeConferenceCall.com that the Federal Communications Commission is currently reviewing rules which may eliminate free conferencing services. As you proceed with your rulemaking, I hope you will consider non-profits such as MountainStar Family Relief Nursery that rely on this type of service to cost effectively operate and communicate.

MountainStar Family Relief Nursery is dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect in Central Oregon by providing services to keep children safe, parents successful and families together. We provide crisis intervention and a therapeutic classroom for babies and young children aged 6-weeks to 4-years-old. These children come from families with an average of 12 risk factors for child abuse and neglect, including poverty, isolation, mental health issues, involvement with the criminal justice system, substance abuse, domestic violence and homelessness. *According to the 2009 Oregon Status of Children report, 235 children in Deschutes County were victims of child abuse and neglect. The report also cites 48% of child abuse victims in Oregon are 5 years old and younger.*

MountainStar Family Relief Nursery serves families with children 6 weeks to 4 years old who are experiencing high stress due to challenges such as low income or poverty, parenting challenges, unstable housing, inconsistent food supply, medical issues, mental health problems, substance abuse, involvement with the criminal justice system or child welfare, and lack of a positive support system.

We use FreeConferenceCall.com to communicate and work in partnership with similar organizations who share the same mission. These conference calls help us expand our knowledge and provide the best care for endangered children.

As you move forward in your rulemaking process, I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

*Tim Rusk*

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cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski  
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Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
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